



# St. Lawrence County Fire Advisory Board

Agenda June 17, 2021

In-person or ZOOM Meeting Format

Meeting called to order – 1900 hrs (attendance) Present: Joe Finnegan, Matt Denner, Larry Denesha, Vinny Ferry, Larry Whitton, Erik Johnson, Jeff Hammond, Mark Bomyea, Don McCarthy, Zoom: Rick Russo, John Lashomb, Bob Crowe. Excused: Pat O'Brien

Motion to accept minutes of April 15, 2021 meeting (Distributed earlier electronically)

Motion by Erik Johnson, Second by Jeff Hammond, Carried

Reports:

SLC Bd. of Legislators — Liaison from Board of Legislators - Larry Denesha

Covid cases down in county. 62% of people 18 and over have been vaccinated. 65% of people 80+ are vaccinated.

Legislature is releasing \$ for Bass Masters Tournament.

2100 people responded to the broad band survey. Recommendations will be coming in early July.

New Risk Management Manager has been hired. His name is Jody Wenzel. He is doing municipalities now and will be doing fire departments soon.

The county has received funds from the American Rescue Plan. 20+ million. ½ this year and the other ½ next year.

Office of Emergency Services — Director Matt Denner (Emailed earlier)

Fire Calls (see attached)

EMS Calls (see attached)

Police Calls (see attached)

Covid-19 Updates: EMS are still required to wear PPE.

Communications Project: Matt has been in contact with the county legislature to set up a committee to look into how to proceed from here. We are still getting a large amount of "noise" and it interferes with communications. Question if it may be feasible to go to UHF or VHF. Need a study to see what the best course of action is at this time. Matt feels a committee of professionals would be best suited to look into the best course of action to take would be more feasible than him alone deciding. It's up to the legislature at this time.

County Fire — EMS Dispatch Issues; Consolidation with police agencies across the county seems to be progressing but there's a need for money to expand the dispatchers and the hardware.

Discussion about dispatchers and PTSD. There needs to be an avenue for them to get counseling/training for dealing with PTSD.

Motion made by Erik Johnson, second by Mark Bomyea the FAB will draft a letter to the legislature recommending they put a plan in place for dispatch and all county employees to be able to easily get counseling/training to combat PTSD.

OFPC Report -George Massarotti: No Report

Schedule Updates — Bob Kerr

Mark Bomyea reporting: Youth in the Fire Service will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> all help will be appreciated.

Training Center — Bob Kerr: The training trailer will continue to be scheduled by Tammy and she will schedule it getting moved. She is asked to let Bob Kerr know when and where it's going.

Fire Investigation Team - Tom Conklin: No Report

There has been two new Investigators that have passed the course.

The new Deputy Sheriff, Shawn McCargar has completed his course.

Chiefs need to be reminded that they are responsible for determining C&O.

SLC HazMat Response Team — Matt Denner

Classes coming soon for HazMat. Mod 1 of Hazmat Tech to start 9/20.

Dive/Rescue Team — Dave Taylor: No Report

Old Business —None

New Business —Hockey Games will be coming June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Approximately 2500 athletes from around the world will be here. Planning is in the works for this event.

Other Items/Concerns /Discussions- all board members

Discussion about attendance or lack of fire departments showing respect at Funerals of fallen brothers and sisters in the service. We need to do better.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021

Adjourned at -2028 hrs.

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MANAGEMENT**

TO: Ruth Doyle, County Administrator  
 FROM: Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director  
 DATE: June 1, 2021

The following is a report of CAD calls for MAY 2021:

	MAY 21	YEAR 2021
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	403	1,780
EMS DISPATCHED	1,757	8,279
LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911	374	1,456
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES	318	1,155
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	1,223	5,037
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>1,031</u>	<u>5,727</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	5,106	23,434

\*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, and test calls

The following are law enforcement calls dispatched by their own dispatchers

NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM	1,000	5,546
CANTON PD DISPATCHED	467	2,107
MASSENA PD DISPATCHED	691	2,989
POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED	584	2,971
OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED	<u>990</u>	<u>4,070</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED CALL	3,732	17,683

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

911	2,993
EMS	3,487
TEXT_2_911	1
NYSP	118
SHERIFF	<u>3,136</u>
TOTAL	9,735

YTD: 43,764

*Matt Denner, Director*  
*Jonathan Mitchell, Deputy Director*